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**Office Action Summary****Application No.**

10/726,024

**Applicant(s)**

DIXIT ET AL.

**Examiner**

Renee Claytor

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-22,24-26,28 and 29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,22,24-26,28 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 1/8/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Due to Applicant's remarks and amendments, a new 35 U.S.C.103 rejection is being made over claims 1, 3-22, 24-26 and 28-29.

Application's cancellation of claim 27 is enough to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection and the rejection is hereby withdrawn.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-22, 24-26 and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehta et al. (U.S. Patent 5,837,284) in view of Mulye (U.S. Patent 6,475,493).

Mehta et al. teach an improved dosing of methylphenidate hydrochloride, in an amount from about 2% to about 99% by weight, whereby two time-separated doses are provided via a single dosage unit (meeting the limitations of claims 1, 21-22; Col. 1, lines 13-17 and Col. 3, lines 41-43). The dosage unit is comprised of talc (meeting the limitations of claims 14 and 15; Col. 8, line 62), plasticizers such as citrates and

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polyethylene glycols (meeting the limitations of claims 12 and 13; Col. 9, lines 13-14), and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (meeting the limitations of claims 5-7 and 16; Col. 10, lines 42-50). Mehta et al. further teach that the maximum concentration of the first dose occurs from about 1 hour to about 3 hours after ingestion, which is followed by a period when no drug is released which lasts approximately 2-6 hours, and the second dose is released about 6 hours following administration (meeting the limitations of claims 17, 28-29; Col. 5, lines 37-51 and Fig. 2).

Mehta et al. does not teach a diluent, anti-sticking agents (enumerated in claims 8-9), enteric coating polymers, peak blood plasma levels in the immediate release and extended release portions, a maximum plasma concentration up to about 20 ng/ml, and AUC<sub>0-24</sub> up to about 200 ng/ml.

Mulye teaches a coating composition in a controlled release pharmaceutical composition which comprises an enteric polymer (Col. 4, lines 59-62). Active medications that can be used in the composition include methylphenidate (Col. 9, line 42). The compositions contain lactose (meeting the limitations of claims 3-4; Col. 11, line 41) as well as colloidal silicon dioxide and magnesium stearate (meeting the limitations of claims 8 and 9; Col.8, lines 4-5). Enteric polymers are present, including methacrylic acid copolymer (meeting the limitations of claims 10-11; Col. 6, lines 28-29) and zein (further meeting the limitation of claim 11; Col. 12, line 22).

Furthermore, it is obvious to vary and/or optimize the weight of each ingredient in the controlled release formulation, a maximum plasma concentration, and an AUC provided in the composition, according to the guidance provided by Mehta et al. and

Mulye, to ensure that the proper amount of drug is released at the designated time interval. It is noted that "[W]here the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, it is not inventive to discover the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation." In re Aller, 220 F.2d 454, 456, 105 USPQ 233, 235 (CCPA 1955).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Mehta et al, which teach a composition for the improved dosing of methylphenidate, with Mulye which teach a controlled release pharmaceutical composition that comprises an enteric polymer. One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of Mehta et al. with Mulye to formulate a delayed release composition of methylphenidate to reduce abuse potential and for better patient compliance to treat nervous system disorders.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

### ***Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Claytor whose telephone number is 571-272-8394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

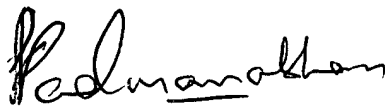
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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